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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Scattered light showers during the week developed into statewide precipitation over the week end that averaged about a half inch in the northwest half of the State and from one to three inches in the southeast half. Some hail fell in the heavier thunderstorms. Temperatures averaged from two to four degrees below normal for the week except in the Panhandle where several warm days brought the average to near normal. The entire State was hot Thursday with readings in the 90-100 degree range.

CROPS Wheat harvest was just getting under way in southern counties as cool, damp weather moved into the area over the week end. Scattered locally severe hail over the State caused some crop damage. Maturity of the wheat crop is progressing somewhat behind normal with 90 percent turning, 40 percent ripe, and 5 percent harvested. This compares to normal turning 90 percent, ripe 60 percent and harvested 30 percent.

Row crops responded well to warm temperatures of mid-week with sorghums making good growth. Most insect populations in corn and sorghums were stabilizing or declining as natural predators increased. Farmers were busy cultivating and side dressing fertilizers with a limited amount of corn irrigated prior to the rain. A few additional fields of freeze-damaged corn in the Panhandle were abandoned and replanted to sorghums.

Spring small grains are making good progress with oats turning color in southern counties. About 15 percent of the second crop of alfalfa is cut, but wild hay harvest is slow starting. Some mowed hay was rained on as farmers tried to harvest the crop ahead of wheat combining. Most pastures are providing good amounts of forage.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was good, but shade protection was needed for the very hot days.

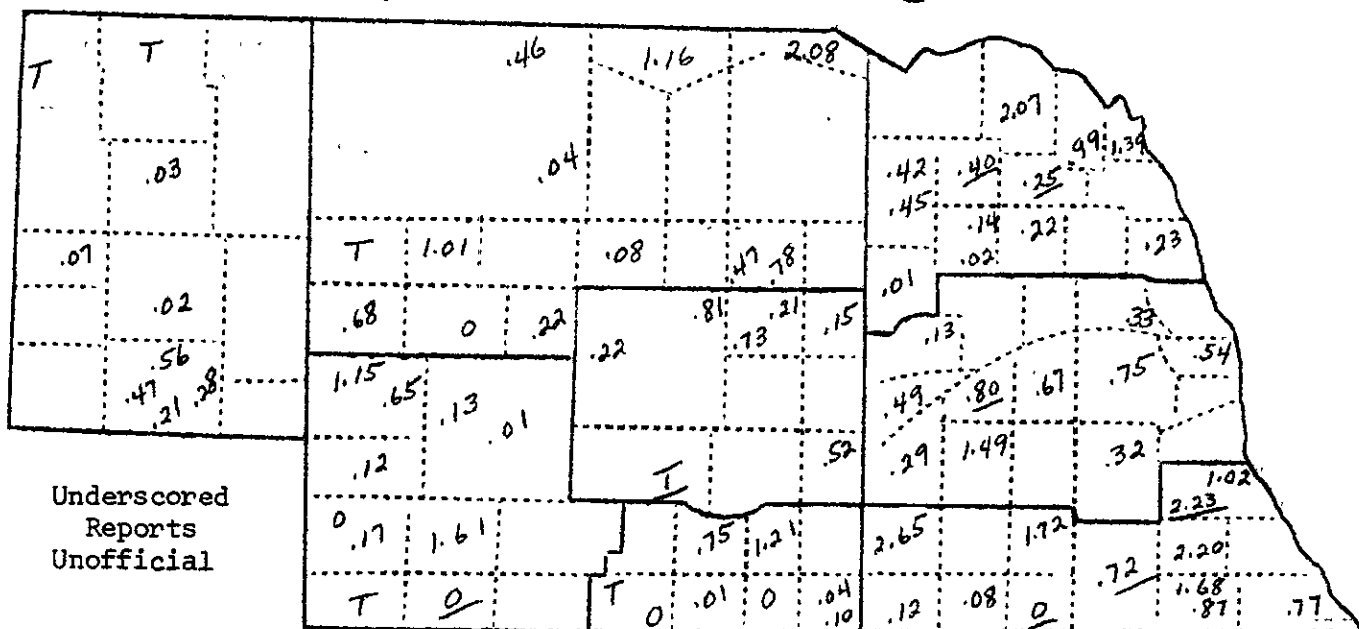
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.95	Burwell	1.85	Chadron	.55
Lincoln	1.96	North Platte	.36	Imperial	1.23
Norfolk	.86	Valentine	.47	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.68			Sidney	.49
Sioux City	.86				

Precipitation, April 1 - July 4, 1969

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.18	.56	.59	.52	.47	.49	.41	1.27
Total since April 1	7.29	5.29	9.28	7.76	9.85	8.81	9.39	14.51
Normal since April 1	8.03	9.28	10.65	10.17	11.12	8.51	10.07	12.05

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 1969



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		June 30th		July 1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	75	60	92	60	90	67	96	55	83	60	84	58	85	63
	Scottsbluff	75	55	94	57	92	60	97	55	80	56	89	56	89	62
	Sidney	74	52	88	57	90	55	99	55	76	52	84	55	81	56
NC	Burwell	79	49	82	62	90	62	93	68	76	64	83	57	81	61
	Valentine	73	54	85	62	87	66	95	61	83	56	87	62	85	63
NE	Norfolk	78	55	81	64	84	67	91	69	81	64	82	58	72	62
	Sioux City	79	52	81	65	83	64	86	69	94	60	82	64	71	64
CEN	Grand Island	80	55	83	65	89	73	96	68	83	66	80	61	83	66
EC	Lincoln	80	59	82	71	90	76	99	79	89	70	77	63	84	69
	Omaha	80	58	80	65	87	70	89	75	87	68	79	58	79	64
SW	Imperial	77	55	86	64	91	63	104	61	77	58	88	57	85	62
	North Platte	78	53	81	59	85	67	94	61	78	53	81	60	82	59

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